



Bulletin No. 265

Supplement to the *Tasmanian Naturalist*

The Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club is devoted to the study of all forms of Natural History, and is comprised of both experts and beginners. We cover a wide variety of topics, and we support conservation. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month, except January, in the Life Science Building at the University of Tasmania at 7.45 p.m. Outings are usually held the following weekend, meeting outside the main entrance to the Museum, Macquarie Street.

The Club's address is GPO Box 68A, Hobart, 7001 and the club contact is Helen Davidson.

Programme

- Thurs. Feb. 6th 7.45p.m.: Dr Bob Ellis will speak on forest ecology under pressure from logging.
- Feb. 7-9th
Weekend Weekend excursion with accommodation available at Liawenee. Margaret Mollison (28 2720) will take bookings for the accommodation and co-ordinate transport. On Saturday Bob Ellis will lead us to Waddamana and describe its history particularly with reference to forestry. On Saturday evening there will be an address by Professor Bill Jackson, and on Sunday Bill will lead a botanical ramble on the Central Plateau, noting effects of grazing on the vegetation. The mammal survey group will also be active on this weekend.
- Thurs. Mar. 5th 7.45p.m.: AGM followed by the President's Address. The AGM always provides an opportunity for the Club to see some new faces and ideas on the Committee. Please volunteer to take your turn.
- Sat. Mar. 7th 8 a.m.: A visit to the south west guided by Ken Collins, author of *South-West Tasmania—A Natural History and Visitor's Guide*. As it is a long way to the south-west we have booked a coach, equipped with a public address system, from 8am to 8pm. The coach will travel to Mt Anne on the Scotts Peak Road, then to Strathgordon, then back to Mt Anne and return to Hobart. Ken Collins will lead a walk into Lake Judd (about 6 hours return), those going on the walk will not travel to Strathgordon. Those travelling to Strathgordon can buy lunch at the Motor Inn, otherwise please bring sufficient food to last until 8pm. Bus fare is \$25 each adult, \$10 each dependent child over 10, \$5 each child under 10. Cars will not be permitted to follow the bus. There are 21 seats available. Please book with Phil Collier (29 6597).
- Sun. Mar. 15th Fern Tree Festival. We hope to have a stall again this year from 10am to about 2:30pm. A co-ordinator for the stall is required, phone Phil Collier to volunteer (29 6597). The stall will have to be stocked with produce, crafts, plants, etc.
- Mar. 20-22nd
Weekend Federation of Field Naturalists Clubs of Tasmania meeting at Skemps near Launceston. This venue is on a property left to the Launceston Field Naturalists Club. They have built a marvellous outdoor centre, funded partly by their book *Guide to the Flowers and Plants of Tasmania*. An opportunity to meet with your fellow field naturalists around the State. At this meeting the TasNats will take on leadership of the Federation for two years.

- Thurs. Apr. 2nd 7.45p.m.: Ron Mawby will speak about sugar gliders.
- Sat. Apr. 4th 9a.m.: A visit to Silver Plains near Lake Sorell with Ron to see his study site for the sugar gliders. Bring warm clothes as Lake Sorell is at about 800m (2 500ft) altitude.
- Thurs. May 7th 7.45p.m.: Angie Monks will speak about Hygrophoraceae of Tasmania – a general introduction to fungi.
- Sat. May 9th 9a.m.: A visit to the Lyrebird Nature Walk at Mt Field National Park to view the autumn's crop of fungi. Bring lunch and a camera with flash, or a steady hand!

New Member A special welcome to our new member Maxwell Moulds.

1992 Membership fees Club membership fees are due on 1 January 1992. After the good response to our special offer many members have paid their 1992 subscription. For those that haven't the current rates are adults \$17, concession \$13 and families \$20. Included in a membership fee is the quarterly Bulletin and *Tasmanian Naturalist* journal. Subscriptions to the *Tasmanian Naturalist* are also available separately: within Australia individuals \$12 and institutions \$16; overseas individuals \$14 and institutions \$18.

President's report The last committee meeting agreed to several ideas to use Club funds. To coincide with our incorporation we have printed a new club letterhead. The new letterhead is designed to give an impression of a vibrant modern club, with due regard to our long history. The committee also agreed to an experiment of using a bus on the March outing to the South-west. If we fill the bus our costs will be covered, but the cost of the hire is substantial. Finally we are planning another public meeting in the winter, similar to the one of February 1991. This time we are prepared to pay to fly the speaker from interstate. The justification for this expenditure is that we publicise our Club, and we give our local members the chance to enjoy a top speaker occasionally. Finally I would like to thank all members, and in particular the committees, that have supported me and the Club during my two years as President. I now look forward to the new challenge as President of the Federation for the next year.

Nomination of the new committee At the AGM in March all positions on the committee fall vacant. Please consider nominating for a position on the committee. If you cannot nominate yourself then your conscience would be clear if you nominated someone else! Members of the current committee are available to act as seconder if necessary. The rules require that nominations must be in the hands of the Secretary (Margaret Mollison) ten days before the AGM. Any positions without nominations can be filled by further nominations at the AGM.

Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club Inc. – Nomination Form

I hereby propose _____ for the position of _____

Proposer _____ Signer _____
Signature Signature

I agree to stand for the above position _____
Signature Date

Positions on the committee: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Bulletin Editor, Naturalist Editor, Programme Officer, Librarian, and three committee members.

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MAMMAL SURVEY GROUP

In 1991 the Tasmanian Field Nats formally commenced active regular mammal survey, with monthly excursions supplementing regular club activities. We have permits to do capture - release surveys and undertake spotlight and other techniques. This year we aim to continue our investigation of the Mt Wellington Range and to expand our techniques into provision of nest boxes. We usually meet a fortnight after the scheduled club monthly excursion.

Contacts are Don Hird - ph 344 293 (H), 215 912 (W), or
Andrew Weinert - ph 235 697 (H).

We welcome new people on a regular or occasional basis.

Program : February - June 1992.

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| February | 7th - 9th
Liawenee - in conjunction with the club monthly excursion, we will be active in this montane plateau environment. See the reference to times and accommodation details in the Jan. Bulletin attached. |
| March | 28th -29th (Note later date than usual).
Snug Falls area. This is an area of State Forest of local conservation value, especially in conjunction with the neighbouring Snug Tiers area. Later in the year we will visit the Tier itself. Meet at Snug Tavern carpark at 3 pm. |
| April | 18th - 19th.
Pipeline Track area . We are fortunate to have been granted limited access to this area of the Wellington Range by HCC. Meet at Neika Schoolhouse at 3 pm Sat. |
| May | 23rd - 24th
Cygnet area guided by Lyn Forster, Owen and Co, where they have been successful in locating species such as bettongs and quolls. Details to be confirmed later. |
| June | 20th - 21st
Mt Nelson area. Despite its proximity to Hobart and sometimes suburban nature, this area still holds some interesting habitats and native mammals. An excursion close to Hobart for the Winter equinox. |

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